Times" at Simla says:

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THE NORTH ATLANTIC FLEET SHOWS WHAT IT CAN DO.

PRACTICE WITH THE BIG GUNS, SQUADRON EVO-LUTIONS AND SEARCHLIGHT DRILLS-ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROOSEVELT

DELIGHTED WITH THE

MANOEUVRES. Fort Monroe, Va., Sept. 9.-The Dolphin re turned to Hampton Roads to-day with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who has just completed an inspection of the North Atlantic Squadron at sea and while under full fleet manceuvres. This is the first inspection made in recent years under such conditions, and the results were highly satisfactory. Under the eyes of the As sistant Secretary an extensive programme of exercises was successfully executed in a limited

The Dolphin reached the southern drill grounds Tuesday forencon, joining the squadron while the ships were at sub-calibre practice. This was suspended by Admiral Sicard on his learning of Mr. Roosevelt's desire to witness heavy gun practice, and the battle-ship Iowa was designated to fire her batteries in the presence of the Assistant Secretary, who was taken aboard for the purpose. The practice was excellent, and from the big twelve-inch cannon down to the little machine guns the battery worked without serious hitch, and splendid targets were made. The armored cruiser Brooklyn was next put through her paces, and she ran up and down the firing line, making good prac-

tice at the distant target. In the evening the flagship New-York repelled en imaginary attack by torpedo-boats, using searchlights and her secondary battery with Following this came a searchlight drill by the entire squadron, making a beautiful marine spectacle. Night signalling with the Ardois system of colored electric light closed the day's work, and the squadron passed the night at anchor on the drill grounds thirty miles east of the Virginia capes.

A SPLENDID MARINE SPECTACLE.

Wednesday's programme included squadron manœuvres, and the ships got under way early on signal from the New-York, forming in column and passing in review before the Dolphin, which remained at anchor. The beginning of the exercises was preceded by the release of a flock of ten carrier-pigeons bearing messages to the Norfolk Navy Yard. The squadron made a mag-Norfolk Navy Yaro. The squadron made a mag-nificent show as it ame past the Dolphin, the great battle-ships cleaving the long swells with resistless power and showing the big guns and men at quarters on the side. Single column, double column, formation er echelon, wheels to right and left and many other combination movements were performed with splendid pre-cision, and the manner in which the seven big invested a maintained their constitutes in the fronciads maintained their positions in line while under cruising speed going through these complicated movements earned the unstinted praise of the Assistant Secretary.

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A novel feature of the day's manœuvres was the use for the first time in any navy of Japanese daylight fireworks as a means of signalling. This system is being developed to meet the emergency that might follow the loss in action of a signal mast or the hiding of a ship by smoke.

In the afternoon the commanding officers of the squadron were entertained at tea by Mr. Roosevelt on the Dolphin, and the gathering of seven of the ablest officers of the Navy on board ship at sea afforded an opportunity for an exchange of valuable professional views as to the qualities of the ships they commanded. In the evening Admiral Sicard entertained Mr. Roosevelt at dinner on heard the flagship, and Wedner.

evening Admiral Sleard entertained Mr. Roose-velt at dinner on heard the flagship, and Wednes-day clesed with another display of night signali-ling and searchlight work.

The Dolphin left the squadron the next morn-ing at sunrise, stopping off Cape Henry to per-mit an inspection of the monitor Puritan, which was put through great gun practice for the pur-pose of affording a comparison of her hydraulic turret mechanism with the electric system of the Brooklyn and the steam gear of the other the Brooklyn and the steam gear of the other

NO BETTER WARSHIPS AFLOAT.

the squadron, Mr. Roosevelt said: "The trip has been in every way more than satisfactory. target practice under service conditions, the fleet manœuvres, the practice with the searchlights at night in discovering and sinking drifting targets, have each and all been done in a way which reflects very high credit upon the Admiral, his captains and their officers and crews. The signalling, both at night and in the daytime, including the day signals with the Japanese firecluding the day signals with the Japanese fire-works, has been excellent. The rapidity and precision of the practice with the rapid-fire guns, and the extraordinary accuracy with which the huge turret guns were fired, were equally noteworthy. There were several matters of less importance, like the successful use of carrier pigeons, which also deserved comment. In short, there is every reason to be satisfied with the management of the warships, from the conning towers to the engine-froma and gun-turrets.

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"This is the first time that such a squadron of modern ironclads has ever been in command of an American Admiral. Indeed, it is the first time in peace that an American Admiral has ever commanded a squadron relatively so formidable compared with the warships of other Powers. At last we are beginning to have a Navy fit to uphold the interests of our people; a Navy which, though too small in size, need fear comparison with no other as regards the quality parison with no other as regards the quality

HUSBAND ROBBED AND WIFE SHOT.

DESPERATE CRIME IN A RICH MAN'S HOUSE'IN CHURCHVILLE, N. Y.

Rochester, Sept. 9.-Churchville, a village a fev miles west of Rochester, was aroused early this morning by a burglary, and what will probably prove to be a murder. Mrs. George Smith was shot, the built passing through her ear and lodg-ing in the back of her head. When discovered she was in a very critical condition. An effort was made to extract the bullet, but it proved unsuccess

In another room of the house, on the main street of the village, where the crime was committed, George Smith, her husband, a wealthy man, lay

George Smith, her husband, a wealthy man, lay bound and gagged. It was his groans that aroused the household about 5 o'clock this morning. When liberated he said that he had been robbed by two masked men, who had taken all the money he had in the house about \$1,399.

Mr. Smith told of hearing the report of a pistol in his wife's bedroom adjoining the room in which he lay, and an immediate search resulted in discovering Mrs. Smith lying on the floor in a semi-conscious condition, aer head and shoulders covered with blood. Mr. Smith said later that he was sandbagged by the men as soon as he saw them in the house, and that when he had partly recovered from the effects of the blow they frightened his money was.

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Dr. Van Horn reported that on his return from a professional call about 3 o'clock he heard the report of a revolver, which might have been in the direction of the Smith house.

LAYMEN WANT MORE REPRESENTATION.

REPORTED DISCORD IN THE METHODIST EPISCO-

Chicago, Sept. 9.—"The Times-Herald" says: "Rebelien has broken out in the Methodist Episcopal Caurch. The laymen demand equal representation with the ministers in the great quadrennial legis-Soda Springs, Idaho, Sept. 9.- Excitement prevails here over the discovery of what seems to be an ex-

ture of the Church. Three times have the minthe laymen have lost patience. The Church will be the symen have lost patience. The Church will be brought face to face next week with a revolt that will probably overshadow the question of women delegate in the General Conference. Representatives of the Pennsylvania and New-Jersey conferences the Pennsylvania and New-Jersey conferences are pennsylvania and New-Jersey conferences are proposed in the pennsylvania and New-Jersey conferences are proposed in the pennsylvania and New-Jersey conferences are the charter of indiana called a State Convention to meet at hidinapolis act Wednesday to consider the question. Any convention representing the Charter of the Indiana Convention and urged the calling of a Milhois Conference sent greetings last week to the Indiana Convention. The laymen of the Central Illinois Conference have called a convention to meet at Canton on September 17, and that needing will as convention on September 17, and that needing will as convention of the Central in Baltimore next senting and if will be held in Baltimore next senting and if will be held in Baltimore next sent, and if will be held in Baltimore next sent, and if will be held in Baltimore next senting and Convention of Methodist laymen to make stational Convention of Methodist laymen to make

WARSHIPS TO BE PROUD OF. ONLY TO PUNISH THE MULLAH.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SO INFORMS THE AMEER. London, Sept. 10 .- The correspondent of "The

"The Government of India has written the Ameer of Afghanistan that the present operations in Afghan territory are intended solely to punish the Mullah of Haddah and his followers in arms; that there is no intention to interfere with tribal independence or permanently to occupy the country, but that all who offer opposition will be punished by the troops. This will tend to reassure the Ameer, who has been informed by mischief-mongers that the invasion of Afghanistan itself is contemplated. The contents of the Ameer's letter ordering the Mullah to cease

tampering with Afghan subjects are now known, and have already had a great effect in quarters where his influence was formerly strongest." PROMISING TO AID THE GOVERNMENT. Simla, Sept. 9.-The Khan of Nawagad has pron ised to assist the Government in the Mohmand ex-pedition, and the Khan of Munda, who commanded Umra Khan's forces during the stege of Chitral, has also given assurances of loyalty.

THE NEW CUBAN TARIFF.

NEARLY ALL AMERICAN GOODS SURJECTED TO LOWER DUTIES.

Madrid, Sept. 9 .- "The Official Gazette" to-day publishes the new customs tariff of Cuba. Nearly Il American goods are subjected to lower duties The tariff prohibits the entry into Cuba of arms, projectiles, munitions of war, dynamite, gunpowder, sugars (except Spanish sugar), honey, molasses, silver or bronze coins, secret pharmaceutical preparations, tobacco (except snuff), chewing tobacco and artificial wines.

THE TRANSVAAL MINING INDUSTRY.

NO DESIRE TO BE PLACED AT THE MERCY OF NOBEL.

London, Sept. 10 -A dispatch to "The Times from Johannesburg says: "At a joint meeting of the Chamber and the Association of Mines to-mor row (Friday) the Executive will propose to send a letter to the Volksraad with reference to repre-sentations now being made to the Government that the agreement between the Nobel Trust and the American Explosives Company, whereby the latter undertakes not to supply explosives to the Transvaal, places the mining industry at the mercy of The letter declares that these represents tions are really made on behalf of monopollst The mining companies have taken measures procure a proper supply of explosives despite t Nobel combination, and are prepared to face a contingency. The proposal is sure to be carried

THE ADVANCE TO KHARTOUM DELAYED.

London, Sept. 10.-"The Daily Mail's" corre advance of the Anglo-Egyptian column under General Sir Herbert Kitchener to Khartoum will be delayed until January, owing to a lack of funds. The troops meantime will be concentrated at Berber. spondent at Cairo says it is rumored there that the

NO DEFINITE ADVANCE TOWARD PEACE. Constantinople, Sept. 9.—The Ambassadors met in conference to-day with reference to the details the peace treaty, but there was no definite advance in the negotiations. Germany and Great Britain have not yet come to an agreement as to the in-demnity question.

FOUND DEATH, IF NOT SALVATION. London, Sept. 10.—According to a dispatch to 'The Standard' from Moscow, a fanatical monk

has given another curious illustration of a form of religious delusion now raging in many parts of religious delusion now raging in many parts of Russia. The priest in question had himself buried to the armplis in a cave near the town of Uraisk, the capital of the Government of the same name, on the Urai, a district inhabited for the mest part by Cossacks. He hoped to find salvation by mortifying the flesh, and asked his friends to return to him in a week, when he expected to have found the object of his desire. They consented to the arrangement, but on returning found him dead.

THE SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS INSOLVENT.

London, Sept. 8.-"The Times" this morning gives prominence to a letter from a correspondent who plunging the whole country into an industrial war and calls on it to give answer to the charge of insolvency, instead of appealing for a loan to con-tinue a disastrous struggle.

NEEDLESS WARNING FROM OVER SEA. London, Sept. 9-"The Daily Mail" this morning in an editorial on the reported preparations in the United States for a fight with Spain, warns the Omical States for a light with Spain, warns the American Government and the Americans that they had better content themselves with writing warlike articles and firing Fourth-of-July squibs, instead of rushing into battle with "stupid Europeans who mean business and fire real bullets."

EXPERIMENTS WITH SERIOUS RESULTS. London, Sept. 10.-"The Daily Chronicle" publishes a letter this morning calling attention to the July bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital of Baltimore, recording toxic experiments on eight lunatics from the Baltimore City Asylum, who were dosed with thyroid extract until one of them died. "The Chronicle" remarks: "Such experi-ments here would bring the experimenters before a jury."

THE QUEEN TO THE LORD LIEUTENANT. London, Sept. 9.- The Queen has written the following letter to Earl Cadogan, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, with reference to the recent visit of the

Duke and Duchess of York: "I am greatly pleased to hear of the very loyal and kind reception which my dear grandchildren met with everywhere in Ireland, and I would ask you to let this expression of mine be generally known.

FRAUDULENT BANKRUPTS PUNISHED.

Come. Italy, Sept. 9.-The trial of fraudulent ankrupts in connection with the liquidation of the Bank of Como was brought to a close to-day. The Bank of Como was brought to a close toward court seatenced Signor Luraght to seven years' solitary imprisonment and placed him under perpetual interdiction from holding public office. Twenty others were found guilty and sentenced, only one of the accused men being acquitted.

THEY DON'T KNOW IT IN GERMANY. Berlin, Sept. 9.-The "Norddeutsche Aligemeine Zeitung" says that nothing is known in semi-of-ficial circles of the report from China, via San Francisco, that Germany has purchased the har-bor of Tung Yung Row, near Foochow, for a naval statiot.

SAID HE WAS M'KINLEY'S ADOPTED SON.

London, Sept. 9 .- Edward Oakley, who said he was a Doctor of Divinity of Brown University, was charged with begging at the Bow Street Police charged with begging at the bow Sirect round.

Court, to-day, and was discharged on a Congregationalist minister undertaking to take care of him.

Oakley wrote to the United States Embassy from
the police station, alleging that he was an adopted
son of President McKinley. The police allege that
he is an old offender.

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Providence, R. I., Sept. 9.—Edward Oakley, as far as can be learned, was never a student, graduate, officer or the recipient of an honorary degree of any kind from Brown University.

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANARCHISTS. London, Sept. 9.—In response to the request of the Government of the United States, the authori-

the Government of the United States, the authorities of Scotland Yard have neen directed by Her Majesty's Government to furnish information to the United Stater authorities when Anarchists are known to be embarking for the United Stater. IDAHO MAY SUPPLY HER OWN COAL.

nere over the discovery of what seems to be an ex-tensive deposit of coal four miles from this city. The coal is bituminous, and the tests made thus far prove it to be of excellent quality. Idaho is now entirely dependent upon Wyoming and Col-orado for her coal.

AFTER THE MEXICAN TRADE. Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 9.-Negotiations between the Mexican steamship line known as the Lower California Development Company, of Enser ada, and the merchants of Los Angeles have gone so far Mexico and those of Southern California will probably be established in the near future. In a few days a dozen merchants of this city will have a trip down the Mexican coast in order that they may look over the ground with a view to securing the Mexican trade, heretofore monopolized by San Francisco. The first steamer, the Albion, will leave San Pedro about the middle of this month. that a regular steamship line between the ports of

NO VOTE ON THE OPERATORS' PRO-POSAL REACHED.

PRESIDENT RATCHFORD, HOWEVER, SAYS THAT THE STRIKE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SETTLED-ILLINOIS DELEGATES

HOLDING OFF.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 9.-The miners' convention remained in executive session until late this afternoon, adjourning until to-morrow morning without having taken a vote on the proposed settlement. President Ratchford said to-night: You may predict with every degree of certainty that a settlement will be reached, and that the action of the National Board in recommending a settlement will be indorsed. The delegates are beginning to see that the best thing they can do is to accept the proposition of the operators and return to work at the price offered. While the convention should have finished its business to-day, it was impossible to do so. Nearly every delegate desired to say something regarding conditions in his own locality, and the convention had to permit them to have their say. When they have finished the convention can get to work."

The arguments presented by the officials and members of the Executive Board in favor of a settlement have had great weight with the delegates who have come to the convention uninstructed, and even some of those who came with instructions have gone so far as to communicate with their constituents, asking to be relieved from instructions, that they may be free to vote as they deem best. Should this drift of sentiment continue until a vote is taken, the proposition for a settlement will undoubtedly be

The question as to whether the settlement on the lines proposed can be made general appears to be the stumbling block at this time. If the delegates from Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and portions of Ohio were assured that the settlement would be beneficial to them as well as to the miners of the Pittsburg district, they would not hesitate to vote for a settlement The Illinois miners have not changed their po-

of settlement prop-sed by the National Board. by saying that if the Illinois delegates will agree to a settlement so that the miners of other States can resume work the Illinois operators will be forced to pay the price paid by their competitors in other States. Should Illinois agree to this arrangement, Indiana and West Virginia will fail into line without hesitation. The Committee on Resolutions is about equally divided on the question of a settlement, and will probably present two reports to the convention

TROUBLE IN THE LEHIGH FIELD. TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND MINERS EXPECTED TO

BE ON STRIKE WITHIN A WEEK. Hazleton, Penn., Sept. 2.—The striking miners entinued marching to-day. Beaver Meadow colliery, and before being dis-persed by the deputies drove all the employes from the mine. There are more miners idle to-day than at any time since the strike began. It is said that tearly eight thousand are on strike.

To-night arrangements are being made by the Miners Union for a general meeting, and the indications are that 15,000 men will strike within a week. This embraces the entire Lehigh field.

DARING BURGLARS CAUGHT.

THEY MADE PLENTY OF NOISE, AND WERE

NEARLY SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR ATTEMPT. Two burglars were caught last night in the act of robbing the house of Colonel Henry E. Roehr, editor and proprietor of the "Brooklyn Freie Presse," who lives at No. 63 Willoughby-ave. In the Vernon-ave, station, where they were locked up, they gave their names and addresses as Michael Dugan, of No. 240 St. Mark's prominence to a feeter from the prominence to a feeter from th

> They entered the house, which is at present un-occupied, as Colonel Roehr is in the country, in a most daring manner. By scrambling over many fences in the rear of the house they got into the fences in the rear of the house they got into the yard, and gained entrance to the building by breaking a basement window. Although the crash of the failing glass was loud enough to be heard by persons nearly half a block away, the nouse-breakers were not frightened, but quickly entered and made a thorough inspection of the place from the basement to the top floor. They soon had goods valued at about \$60, which they intended to take away with them, in a pile on the floor in the rear parlor. While the burgars were preparing to make a good haul, a person living near the house, who had heard the crash of breaking glass, ran to the Vertura-ave, station and told Sergeant Harrington that he thought some one was trying to enter Colonel Roehr's house. Taking several detectives with him the sergeant hastened to the house, and forced epen the front door. He and his men then went into the front parior, and found that the gas had been turned off. While they were groping about in the dark one of the detectives spoke of having his revolver with him. The detective had just finished speaking when the burgars yelled out: 'Our hands are up! Don't shoot!' When a candle wis lit the intruders were found standing beside the things they had tried to steal.
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> They offered no resistance to the police. In their possession were found some burglar's tools.

FRACTURED HIS CHILD'S SKULL.

HUSBAND HUBLED A GLASS AT HIS WIFE AND

In the course of a quarrel with his wife because his supper was not ready, Hugh Mooney, a pedler, of No. 13 Hopkins-st., Brooklyn, last night hit his

of No. 13 Hopkins-st., Brooklyn, last night hit his child, five years old, on the head with a glass, fracturing the little one's skull.

The glass was intended for the mother, but it went wide of the mark and struck the child, which was clinging to its mother's dress, on the temple. An ambulance took the little one to the Homocopathic Hospital.

The woman was also slightly injured by a chair which her enraged husband hurled at her.

BAD NEWS FROM GUATEMALA.

A LARGE NUMBER OF FAILURES-BARRIOS'S

PLANS FOR RETAINING HIS OFFICE. San Francisco, Sept. 3.-News just received from Guatemala is to the effect that the country is in a bad way financially and politically. During last month the following failures were reported: Frederico Chacon, \$50,000; Lorenzo Eissen, \$1,700,000; Enrique Mentze, \$1,300,000; Ascoli & Co., \$1,000,000; Bauer & Co., \$800,000; Victor Mattheus, \$2,000,000. Total, \$7,000,000. All of these houses have been extensively engaged in the exportation of coffee and other Central American products and the importation of merchandise. Besides, a great number of firms have gone under for less amounts. The total is nearly \$8,000,000 in Central American money, which is very much depreciated.

Peina Barrios, who was president, and who de-clared himself dictator over the Republic two clared himself dictator over the Republic two months ago, is excessively unpopular, because of his recent high-handed action and his cruelties. There is a demand that Prospe Morales, a lawyer and former Minister of War, be chosen to succeed Parrios. To prevent this, Barrios intends calling a session of the Assembly soon, in order to have himself confirmed as dictator. If he is successful, war is almost certain, because the country will not longer submit to his oppression. If he is defeated, war is just as sure, because he cannot afford to be driven out of office. Ex-President Barilios, who made it possible for Barrios to succeed him, has declared that he will never again draw his sword except to fight Morales, who has threatened to expose has financial operations.

Harrios is alleged to have killed a number of the more prominent citizens of his country because he thought they were not in sympathy with him. In addition, 243 men of lesser prominence are said to have been slain by his order.

KILLED BY A FIRE CHIEF'S HORSE. Buffalo, Sept. 9.-While attending a funeral this afternoon Titus Erb, a retired cigar manufacturer, sixty-five years old, was struck and almost instant ly killed by a horse driven by Battalion Chief Hep-pel of the Fire Department. Erb attempted to cross the street in front of the chief's wagon in order to hold his horse, which he was afraid would be frightened by the clanging gong.

MINERS ADJOURN AGAIN. TO ROBCHURCH AND RECTOR | KILLED BY A MASKED ROBBER | CALLS FOR CONVENTIONS.

EVIDENCE THAT THIS WAS THE PLAN OF THE REV. MR. NEIL'S EUTLER.

IN LEAGUE WITH A CRIMINAL NAMED CLARK, WHO HAS A SENSATIONAL RECORD-KNOCK-OUT DROPS FOR THE RECTOR - DE-

SIGNS ON THE RICH VESTMENTS AND COMMUNION VESSEL OF

THE CHURCH OF ST. ED-

WARD THE MARTYR.

The police of the Central Office have in their custody a man who they say is a most dangerous criminal. He is William Higbie, twenty-six years old, a negro, who for the last year has been employed as a butler by the Rev. Edward Wallace Neil, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Edward the Martyr, at Fifth-ave, and One-hundred-and-ninth-st., and living at No. 14 East One-hundred-and-ninth-st. Higbie's arrest was due to a mere chance. Detective Sergeants Evanhoe and Kelly, of Acting Captain McClusky's staff, were passing the rector's house the other day when they saw the negro, who vict, enter Mr. Neil's house. The detectives then called on Mr. Neil and informed him, greatly to his surprise, that he was harboring one of the most dangerous criminals in the city. When they proposed to make an examination of the butler's effects, Mr. Neil readily agreed, and while Higble was absent from the house on Wednesday the detectives searched his belongings. Among these they found sufficient evidence to show that he had entered into a plot to rob the rector and the church, and they also found strong evidence that a scheme had been proposed to stupefy, if not kill, Mr. Nell by the administration of knockout drops, in order that the robbery of the premises might be accomplished more easily.

IN LEAGUE WITH A CLEVER CROOK.

In a bag in the room were found pieces of evidence which connected the prisoner with the operations of one William F. Clark, alias Woodalias Maltbie, alias Lieutenant Colt, of the 22d Regiment, an ex-convict and notorious criminal, whose operations in the past have been of the most sensational nature. Back in 1888, Clark, posing as a gay young guardsman, had made love to a pretty and wealthy young woman of this city. While cutting a wide swath, he was engaged in swindling those who came in his way, and Louis de Beblan, then agent for the French line of steamers, became a victim to the tune of \$500 by means of a forged check. For this Clark was arrested and sent to the Elmira formatory, Clark went back to his old ways, and was arrested in the latter part of 1894 for swindling the Sixth National Bank out of \$1,500 by a clever forgery. A sentence to a term in Sing Sing followed conviction for this crime.

Clark was discharged less than a year ago, having earned a certain commutation for good behavior while in prison.

Highle became acquainted with Clark while both men were in Sing Sing during Clark's last term. Highle was convicted in 1892 of robbery in the first degree for assaulting a man at in the first degree for assaulting the first degree and Elizabeth sts. and robbling him of a Ricecker and Elizabeth sts. and robbling him of a Meecker and raiza is a same as a large sum of money, in company with one John Sargonti. For this crime each of the defendants received a sentence of five years. The acquaintance thus formed in prison was renewed after both Clark and Higble had been set free, as the

they found plenty of evidence to connect him with Clark, and everything there seemed to show that the negro butler intended soon to leave his employer, for nearly all of his personal belongings were packed and ready for instant removal. But the most valuable part of the property found was a valise which had belonged to Clark, and which the negro had in his possession for safe keeping.

ing a forged check on the Riverside Bank, this city. Immediately after his arrest, Clark wrote to his pal, the negro, and asked him to go to a certain barber shop and secure a valls he (Clark) had left there. This the negro did. In this bag was found, among other bits of incriminating evidence, a two-ounce bottle of knockout drops, with two prescriptions for compounding it. By administering the contents of this bottle, it would have been easy to stupefy the Rev. Mr. Neil so that the robbery of the house could be readily committed. In the room was also found this letter from Clark to Highlet

Friend Bill: I got your letter O. K. I cannot sell you how sorry I was that you can't do as wish. Could you get \$15.7 Send as much as y wish. Could you get \$15.7 Send as much as y can. Those drops in the bag are the same. To contain two doses. I inclose you an order for sorrom any drugglat. You cannot go to any phycian and get them for \$100, so you see how valual to The inclosed prescription contains the

This letter was dated September 4, 1897, and was written from his cell in the Tombs. Acting Captain McClusky interprets the letter to mean that Clark is sorry that Highle has not used the knockout dreps upon Mr. Nell and that he wishes Highle to get all the money for him that possible, to use in his defence.

AFTER RICH CHURCH FURNISHINGS. The correspondence between the two criminals and the conversations had between them before Clark's arrest in August seemed to show that their plan was to loot the rector's house and the church itself of the costly chalice and other oleces of the communion service and the rich vestments, a portion of which, including the chalice, had been presented to the church by Elbridge T. Gerry in memory of his deceased daughter. Lillian. The Church of St. Edward the Martyr Is one of the most ritualistic of the Episcopal faith, and its altar furnishings, its vestments and its sacramental service can scarcely be excelled in beauty and value by those of any church in the city. The proceeds to be obtained by the disposal of the gold, silver and jewels in the service and the gold embroidery on the vestments would amount to no mean sum. It was these that the thieves wanted, and Higbie had furnished to Clark a carefully made plan of the church and the rector's house, containing the exact location of the valuable articles. and the church itself of the costly chalice and

From a letter found in the valise, written by Higble to Clark, which bore no date, a plan is unfolded for robbing the apartments of Samuel Spiegel, who lives at No. 20 East One-hundred-and-ninth-st., only a few doors from the rectory. The letter reads:

tory. The letter reads:

I expect from hearsay he is a diamond broker. Name is Robertson, but I don't know whether that name is on the door or not. He is not married, but lives with his sister. She, whom I saw adorned with diamonds, lives in No. 20 East One-hundred-and-ninth-st., next to the top floor. Name is Spiegel; has children and servants. I don't know as I spelled the name right. I don't know his hours out, but this much I do know—he goes to business every morning about 8 o'c'ock. I can't say what time he arrives. I don't know how large the children are or if the woman has a husband. I also think it would be a profitable job if executed, for no one would have put a safe in his house unless he had something very valuable. Yours utterly, P. S.—Destroy this after perusal. WILL.

P. S.—Destroy this after perusal. WILL.

Higble, the prisoner, told Acting Captain Mc-Clusky that he had met Clark by chance, and that the latter had urged him to rob the rector and the church. He admitted that they had talked the matter over, but denied that he had ever intended to use the knockout drops upon Mr. Neil. The prescriptions for the poison found in the bag called principally for chioral. They were supposed to have been signed by physicians. A doctor in the Health Board told the police that a teaspoonful of the mixture would render the one to whom it was given unconscious, and might kill him. Higble will be indicted for having the stuff in his possession, it being a felony to have the drug. Higble was taken to the Essex Market Court vesterday and was remanded.

MURDER OF AN OLD RESIDENT OF SUM-MIT, N. J.

THE HOUSEKEEPER BADLY BEATEN AND MAY DIE-THE RUFFIAN ESCAPES AND IS BEING HUNTED.

Summit, N. J., Sept. 9 (Special).-James C. Pitts, one of the oldest and most respected residents of this place, was killed in his home on the outskirts of the town by a masked man to-night, and his housekeeper, who was the only other occupant of his home at the time, was so badly beaten that she is expected to die before morning. Her screams, however, frightened the ruffian, and he escaped while the woman made her way as best she could to the nearest neighbor, and after giving the alarm, fell uncon-

Mr. Pitts was seventy-five years old. His house is a lonely one, and the housekeeper last night was his only companion. According to the story she managed to tell before she lost her senses from the terrible injuries she had received, she and Mr. Pitts were in the kitchen of the house when the door opened and a big. roughly dressed man, whose features were hidden by a strip of black cloth, ran into the room. Mr. Pitts turned to ask the fellow what he wanted, but before he could frame the question the man struck him down with a heavy club. The woman screamed and tried to run out, but the man caught her by the arm. He could not stiffe her shricks, however, and at last stopped, listened a moment, and ran out of the house into the darkness. The woman, leaving her master unconscious, as she thought, ran to look for aid.

went over to Mr. Pitts house. He was found lying in a pool of blood, his skull crushed in. The room was hadly tumbled about, but as far as could be seen nothing of value had been taken from it. The town police were at once informed and were soon on the spot. the housekeeper's injuries were at-

tended to by a doctor, a search after the burglar, as he is supposed to be, was begun.

Police Captain Stewart telephoned to the ice of the adjoining towns. A suspicious charactor had been noticed in the afternoon inquiring for Mr. Green's house, which is a short distance from where the murder occurred. Mrs. A. G. Woodruff says that about the time the murder occurred or shortly afterward she noticed a strange man, coatless and hatless, on the road near the Pitts homestead, and that she sent her dog after him, and he ran away.

Mr. Pitts was born in the house where he was murdered. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a memher of the Township Committee fifteen years ago. He was strictly temperate and had no enemies. The motive for the murder was evi dently robbery, but the screams of the woman frightened the burglar away before he got any booty. The police are unable to obtain any clew thus far and are unable to find the weapon with which the deed was committed.

The house is in a lonesome place adjoining the entrance of the Fresh Air and Convalescent Home. Many were under the impression that Pitts kept a large sum of money in the house, but everything was seemingly untouched. The murderer must be covered with blood, as tracks eere from one room to the other.

Mary Davis, the housekeeper, had been in the employ of Mr. Pitts for the last eighteen years. He was a carpenter, but had not worked at his trade for the last ten years. He occupied his time by cultivating the farm and raising garden produce. He recently sold his farm to the Fresh Air and Convalescent Home. William Delaney, jr., was held up a short distance from the scene to-night by a masked man. The fire alarm was rung at midnight, and the citizens are scouring the country for the murderer.

GEORGIA MAY GET CHATTANOOGA.

A BELIEF THAT THE TENNESSEE BOUNDARY

LINE HAS EEEN ERRONEOUSLY SURVEYED. here which may result in Chattanooga, which has long been known as one of the leading cities of Tennessee, becoming a Georgia town. Doubt has been thrown on the accuracy of the survey of the boundary line between this State and Tennessee, and if the theory of eminent legal authorities here is confirmed it may be found that Chattanooga is

This view is taken by Colonel W. A. Wilbish, special commissioner of the State for the Western and Atlantic Railroad, who has looked into the and Atlantic Raliroad, who has looked into the question in his official capacity. To-day he expressed his strong belief that a correct survey would bring the city of Chattanooga within the confines of this State.

The publication of this fact has aroused much interest here, and it is not unlikely that the next Legislature may provide for a resurvey of the coundary.

A BOY SHOOTS A WOMAN.

HE WAS ONE OF A PARTY OF FIVE AND HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY HER BULLDOG.

Mrs. Jane Murphy, a widow, forty-nine years old, living in White Plains Park, was taken to the White Plains Hospital yesterday afternoon. She had received a charge of No. 6 shot in the left side of her face, her left arm and hand. For some of her face, her left arm and hand. For some time past she had been annoyed by men and boys who had been stealing her peaches, and yesterday she saw a party of five youths entering a field hear her place, and went out with her buildeg to proshe saw a party out with her buildog to protect her property.

The young fellows had been out shooting, and, it is alleged, were not after the peaches. Mrs. Murphy's buildog attacked one of the youths, tore his clothes and inflicted a slight wound in one of his less. The young man thereupon fired, and the charge struck Mrs. Murphy. The wounds were not dangerous.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Indianapolis, Sept. 9.—O. W. Rowe, a travelling salesman, whose home was at Washington Court House, Ohio, was found dead in his room, at the Spencer House, in this city, this morning. He had committed suicide by cutting the arteries in his left arm. He travelled for an agricultural chemical firm at Newark, N. J.

Phoentx, Ariz., Sept. 9.—Benjamin Zoeckler, one of the most extensive cattle-dealers in the Southwest killed himself early this morning by a pistol-shot back of the ear. Business reverses had depressed him for a month, and his suicide is attributed to despondency.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—A number of small frame houses on Belmont-ave, were burned yesterday afternoon, and Mrs. Herman Lesman was burned to death. The fire started from an olistove in her kitchen, and when she attempted to carry the stove outdoors her clothing caught fire. Her daughter Dora, eleven years old, was severely burned while endeavoring to save her mother. Several firemen were injured in extinguishing the fire, none fatally. Seven families were rendered homeless.

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Chillicothe, Mo., Sept. 9.—"Professor" Bozart, the aeronaut, who made the balloon ascension at the fair grounds, was fatally injured by the failure of his parachute to open readily when he made his descent. He was about three hundred feet in the air when he cut loose, and before his parachute opened he was less than fifty feet from the ground. His injuries are such that recovery is considered impossible.

Denver, Sept. 9.—H. S. Wage and his wife have arrived in Denver, having driven from Elmira, N. Y., since June 10. Mr. Wage is seventy-six years old and his wife is twenty-five years younger. The trip cost \$75, including the price of a new horse, the one with which they started having given out in Indiana.

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Cincinnati, Sept. 2.—"The Enquirer" has a dispatch from Cygnet, Ohio, saying that Fred Snyder, Justice of the Feace, died from the injuries received by the explosion on Tuesday night. This makes six deaths, and three other persons, Carl Gibbons, Lafayette Sutton and Herbert Stevens, are dying. Harry Stevens had both legs crushed, so that amputation was necessary.

The surest way to success is a right start in life, Call Fowler & Wells Co., Phrenologists, 27 E. 21st-st., N. Y.—Advt.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS GETTING

DOWN TO BUSINESS. REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE TO MEET SEP

TEMBER 18-THE DEMOCRATIC CITY CON-VENTION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY.

> SEPTEMBER 30-CITIZENS UNION NOT TO MAKE FURTHER NOMINATIONS NOW.

Preparations for active work in the campaign were made by committees of several political organizations that held conferences in the city last night.

After consulting with other leaders, Chairman

Hackett issued a call for a meeting of the Republican State Committee, to be held at noon on Saturday, September 18, to nominate a candidate for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and issue an address to the voters of the State. The sub-committee of the Republican Provisional City Committee met at No. 1 Madisonave., and issued a call for the meeting of the

The General Conference Committee of the Democratic organization met at the Hoffman House, and called the Democratic City Convention to meet at the Grand Central Palace on Thursday, September 30.

Music Hall, on Tuesday, September 28.

Republican City Convention at the Carnegie

The Executive Committee of the National Democracy in the city met and appointed subcommittees for campaign work.

The Executive Committee of the Citizens Union had a meeting, and empowered the Joint Nominating Committee to act as a General Campaign Committee in the Greater New-York. Leaders of the Citizens Union have decided not to make further nominations until after the meeting of the Republican City Convention.

TO NAME THE CHIEF JUDGE. THE REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE CALLED TO MEET ON SEPTEMBER 18.

After consultation with Senator Thomas C. Platt and other Republican chiefs of the State organization, Charles W. Hackett, chairman of the Republican State Committee, yesterday issued the following call:

New-York, September 9, 1897.

The meeting of the Republican State Committee will be held Saturday, September 18, at 12 noon, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in New-York City, for the purpose of nominating a Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and for such other business as may properly come before the committee. Yours very truly,

C. W. HACKETT, Chairman.

CALL FOR REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. TO BE HELD IN CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL ON SEP-TEMBER 28 AT NOON-THE SCHEDULE

OF REPRESENTATION. The sub-committee of the Republican Provisional City Committee met last night at the headquarters, No. 1 Madison Square, for the purpose of drawing up the call for the City Convention. Lemuel E. Quigg presided, and the other members of the committee present were Frederick S. Gibbs, Jacob Worth and Sheriff William J. Buttling, Kings County; Henry C. Johnson, Queens County, and Hugh McRoberts, Richmond County. It was formally decided that the Republican City Convention should be held in Carnegie Music Hall on September 28, at noon. The committee discussed only the provisions of the call which will be immediately issued to the Republican electors, of which the following is a copy:

issued to the Republican electors of the City of New-York.

To the Enrolled Republican Electors of the City of New-York.

The enrolled Republican electors of the city of New-York, as constituted by Chapter 378 of the Liws of 187, are hereby cailed upon to send delegates to a Republican city convention to be held at Carnegie Music Hall, Seventh-ave. and Fifty-seventh-st., in the city of New-York on September 23, 187, at 12 o'clock, noon, to nominate candidates for the offices of Mayor, Controller and President of the Council; to elect a Republican City Committee and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention. The said delegates must be elected by an Assembly district convention held in and for each Assembly district convention held in and for each Assembly district convention held in and for each Assembly district convention of the convention shall elect delegates in accordance with the basis of representation established by the State Convention of 185 for the election of delegates to a State convention, which said basis is as follows: "One delegate for each Assembly district or portion thereof, and one delegate for every thousand votes and majority fraction of a thousand votes cast in each Assembly district or portion thereof in the next preceding National election for the National Republican ticket." A schedule of representation is hereto annexed, showing the number of delegates to which each Assembly district or portion thereof is entitled in the said city convention.

The secretary of each Assembly district convention is hereby directed to forward to the undersigned secretary, at Room No. 43, No. 1 Madisonave, in the city of New-York a duly certified copy of the credentials of the delegates to which each Assembly of the credentials of the delegates to which each delegate convention.

Vacancies in each delegation may be filled on the certified committee of a Conference Committee committee of a Conference Committee comsigned committee of a Conference Committee complements and co olled Republican Electors of the City of

bers of the delegation in which such vacancies occur.

The said city convention is called by the undersigned committee of a Conference Committee composed of delegates from each of the several Republican county organizations contained within the territory of the city of New-York as constituted by territory of the Laws of 1897, and in pursuance of a resolution duly adopted by the said conference, LEMUEL E. QUIGG, chairman, ex officio. WILLIAM J. BUTTLING, secretary ex officio. WILLIAM J. BUTTLING, secretary ex officio. FREDERICK S. GIBBS. Republican County Committee, City and County of New-York:

JACOB WORTH. Republican County Committee of the County of Kings:

H. C. JOHNSÓN, Republican County Committee of the County of Richmond.

The schedule of representation referred to in the call accounts for 348 delegates, allotted as

the call accounts for 348 delegates, allotted as set out in the appended list:

NOT TO EXCLUDE LOW DELEGATES. MR. QUIGG SAYS THE REPORT THAT MR. PLATT HAD THREATENED TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE CITY CONVENTION IS UNFOUNDED.

Chairman Quigg, replying to an inquiry put to him last evening after the meeting of the sub-committee of the Republican Provisional City Committee, as to the reported intention of Senator Platt to exclude from the City Convention the Brooklyn and New-York delegates in favor of Seth Low's candidacy, said the report was unfounded. Mr. Quigg denied that Mr. Platt had ever made so broad a threat.

What Mr. Platt had really intimated was that Republicans who had enrolled in the Citizens Republicans who had enrolled in the Citizens
Union would not be allowed to take part in the
primaries. Only properly elected delegates would
be allowed to have a voice in the City Convention. But, Mr. Quigg added, if delegates favoring Seth Low were properly accredited, they certainly could attend the convention.

The report that W. M. K. Olcott, the present
District-Attorney, had been decided upon by the